

representative of the republic's population, the relative still displayed by Belmonte and Ganoa appeared far more interesting than developments in the revolutionary situation. The acting minister of Finance was judge of the contest.

The Mexican public in general apparently sympathized with the revolutionaries of the rebels, although it is contested by all classes that the rebels are moving rapidly, and speculation for the most part has to do not with the question of will they win, but how soon.

The press of the capital, however, usually gives preference to a display of the conduct of rebel forces and minimizing or eliminating all questions relative to the rebels. The financial situation has not changed, and guessing as to what President Huerta will do almost has ceased.

At last the public has accepted as true his statements that he will not resign, but will indefinitely resist. The European colonies are completing their plans of defense.

#### Process Will Be Slow.

Washington, December 7.—With the government and the country still in suspense over the outcome, the situation in Mexico is at present as patiently waiting the return here chiefly centers in the rapidly-moving military operations in Northern Mexico.

The movement southward of General Villa's constitutionalist forces, and the reports that Huerta's generals are planning a concentrated obstruction to his march on Mexico City, with a possible force movement by those bodies of Federal troops which reported as being from Tampico City to the north, have been observed with marked attention by military officials here. There is a general feeling among high officials of the government here that the pendulum will swing back and forth for several weeks. Constitutional victories—and that the process of offering the Huerta government to yield will be a slow one—will be numerous, but the Huertistas, Constitutionalists, and Francisco Madero, who had been installed as the Minister of Foreign Relations, awaited considerable speculations here. It was recalled that William Bayard Hale concluded his parley with Huerta because he had been unable to resume conferences with Carranza direct. In some quarters there was a disposition to regard the withdrawal of Huerta as a sign of weakness with the hope of negotiations. This was here too-night that Psueroza had left Hermosillo and was en route to New York to meet his wife, who recently sailed from Vera Cruz. Friends of Psueroza said he had suffered a nervous breakdown and needed rest.

Mr. Hale still is in Washington awaiting word from President Wilson as to when they may confer in detail about Mexican affairs. The President's attitude is not known, but it is expected that during this week he will send for Mr. Hale and get further information about the Constitutionalists, though the former may make several complete reports in writing.

#### Bad Weather at Vera Cruz.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, December 7.—General Carranza to-day notified General Diaz, leader of the Constitutionalists, that he had left Tuxpan to meet two Federal columns advancing from the east.

A large number of Mexican families recently have arrived here from the capital. They report considerable unrest here. Few Americans are coming. All hotel accommodations here have been filled.

Charles A. Miller, American consul at Tampico, reports that he has received advice from the consular agent at Tampico that large Federal reinforcements have arrived there, and that the rebel forces under General Aguirre are moving northward. The consular agent says the presence of the American warships has been the effect of checking insurgent demoralization and movements that they be indefinitely retained.

It is believed that the point of attack will be Monterey and after that San Luis Potosi.

#### Runners of Pending Clash.

Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch, Vera Cruz, Mexico, December 7.—Runners of a pending clash at Tampico between Aguirre's rebels and the Federalists under General Massa have followed the sudden departure of the British cruiser Suffolk from this port last night.

Angular has sent a despatch from Tampico to rebel headquarters saying he has discerned a band of guerrillas had attacked the property of the electric Oil Company, foreign concern. These six thousand bandits were exultant as a warning to other nations.

#### Trouble Is Anticipated.

Mexico, December 7.—All available United States troops in this vicinity have been ordered to be ready in anticipation of trouble following the arrival of Chihuahua refugees under command of Mercado's fleeing army. It is expected that Villa will make every possible effort to intercept the party and to possess himself of the immense amount of money which the Federal and other wealthy Chihuahuans are reported to be carrying with them to the United States.

Stevens, in an attempt to be discerned, has decided to cross the border, probably along the Rio Grande, to the United States.

**Protection for Foreigners.**

Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch, Vera Cruz, Mexico, December 7.—Foreigners must not be interfered with in their rights in the Federal district. This order is contained in the general orders issued to the troops. The orders specifically state that in the event of fighting the officers in command of the government troops must understand that the lives and property of all foreigners are to be respected; that no merges or supplies are to be exacted from them, and that they must be permitted to leave the scene of its fighting at any time.

**Refugees at Port Arthur.**

Port Arthur, Texas, December 7.—Thirty American refugees from Tampico, Mexico, mostly women and children, arrived here yesterday in wagons and a truck. The refugees said they were leaving Tampico because of the threatening conditions there, that the Federals had begun to fortify the city against a force of 7,000 rebels to be entrenched

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## DEATH AND MISERY IN WAKE OF FLOOD

Scenes of Horror Shift During Day to Wharton and Eagle Lake.

**MANY SEEK REFUGE IN TREES**  
Denver Still Paralyzed by Storm, and Whole State Practically Isolated.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Galveston, Texas, December 7.—With the flood waters of Brazos and Colorado Rivers enveloping every obstacle, the last lap of the deadly race to the gulf was entered this afternoon and the scenes of horror were shifted from Bryan and Hearne to Wharton and Eagle Lake, where the same series of death and misery are reported. Villa and Belmonte are the two principal cities yet to be visited by flood waters, and persons at these places are doing a frantic race.

Flood waters struck Wharton and Eagle Lake this morning. Fifteen are reported to have lost their lives in these cities and many others are believed to be dead. The houses tops are crowded with persons, and no rescue boats are to be had, all in the districts where engaged further up stream. Several other bodies have been found near Bryan and Hearne. The known dead now present number ninety-five. More than a score have been missing for several days, and it is estimated that the toll of the flood will reach 150.

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